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"Gordon Is Actually Is Doing A Favor For Bush"

Liberal, largest national circulation daily Folha de S. Paulo's Washington correspondent Sergio Davila wrote (8/8): "By requesting yesterday the release of the five foreigners from the US military prison in Guantanamo with permission for them to work in the UK, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is actually making a favor to President George W. Bush. The Republican president's 'Gulag archipelago' has become an elephant in the current administration's living room, a judicial aberration criticized by every political segment. Its closure has already been suggested even by defense Secretary Robert Gates... There are [in Guantanamo] about 370

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prisoners, whose situation is a kind of judicial limbo.... Fewer than 10 of them may have had major participation in terrorist groups. It is likely that the rest do not know and will never know what they have been charged with."

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